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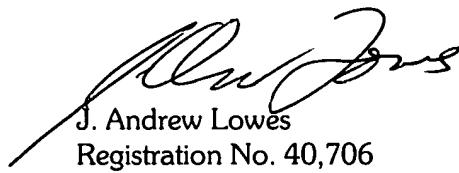
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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests to be informed of the status of the above-identified patent application. A Letter to the Official Draftsperson with five sheets of formal drawings was filed on December 28, 2004. The last known correspondence received from the USPTO was a Notice of Publication of Application dated December 2, 2004.

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